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1. Tatra National Enterprise controls the Koprivnice (Nesseldorf - P50/046) factory (Formerly the Ringhoffer-Tatra Plant), as well as plants in Butovice (051/L78), Praha-Smichov, Kolin (051/M38) and Ceska Lipa (051/F75). The factory employs 6,500 production workers and 700 office workers. Personnel at the Koprivnice plant include:

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| a. General Manager: | Ing. Hojecky, a Communist, 40 years old. |
| b. Manager of the Automobile Department: | Ing. Skarka, not organized politically. His deputy is Ing. Kargel. |
| c. Chief Engineer of the Automobile Dept.: | Ing. Jan Drozd, the most able technician in the plant. |
| d. Commercial Manager: | Ing. Karel Chalupa, a former Social Democrat. |
| e. Chief of Personnel: | Dockal, a Communist, cadre man of the plant. |
| f. Chief of the Sales Dept.: | Jan Hykel, a Communist. |
| g. Chief of the Car-bodies Department: | Jan Heske. |
| h. Chief of the Foundry: | Ing. Cervinka. |
| i. Chief of the Railroad Car Department: | Chief Engineer Bezdek. Since the end of 1949 he has been made manager of the Butovice plant of Tatra. |
| j. Chief of the Repair Shop: | Staff Capt. B. Bucek, a member of the Czech Army of the West. |
| k. Chief of the Central Sales Office in Praha: | Ing. Brecka |

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6. There is a shortage of ball-bearings, imported primarily from Switzerland, Italy and Austria, as well as of cast iron and other metals.
7. There is a factory workers' militia of two companies under the command of Frantisek Keisler, the gatekeeper and a convinced Communist. His deputy is Lichnovsky. The militia is armed but has practically no training. The fire brigade is well trained and well equipped. It is under the command of Jan Sykora. The chairman of the workers' council is Kasperek, a Communist.
8. The general manager of the Butovice plant of Tatra is Bezdek. The factory manager is J. Benis; his deputy is F. Vermirovsky. ✓ This plant produces railroad cars and undercarriages as well as spiral borers. The airplane production department has been discontinued. The main production difficulty of this plant is in obtaining Poldi steel.